

SUNDAY NIGHT YOUTH

- 12 APRIL 2020 - Easter Sunday

You may wish to use a special notebook to write about the passages we look at whilst we cannot meet together.

You can use this book to write prayers to God as well.

You can make a notebook out of spare sheets of paper; it doesn't need to be fancy.

BIBLE PASSAGE:

Jesus Is Risen! – Matthew 28:1-10, Luke 24:1-12, John 20:1-18

REFLECTION QUESTIONS:

These questions aren't a 'test', they are meant to help you think about the passage in a different way. Don't worry if you don't have any ideas about how to respond to them right away. Sometimes we might think and pray about a passage for a while before 'the penny drops' about something.

1. During our Christian celebrations of Easter and the period leading up to it, we reflect a lot on Good Friday (Jesus' death) and Easter Sunday (Jesus' resurrection) but we don't spend a lot of time thinking about the Saturday. This is probably because very little is written about this in the Bible.

It was the Sabbath (day of rest for the Jews) so the women couldn't treat Jesus' body with spices as they had wished to when He was buried late on the Friday.

We are living in a time now where we are prevented from doing what we might want to do, and even what we feel God might be calling us to do.

How do you think the women would have felt during this Saturday of 'rest'?

2. The disciples had followed Jesus and seen Him do wonderful things and even speak about his own death and resurrection, yet we always think of the disciples hiding in fear after Jesus' death.

We are living at a time when we know there is hope for the future (that lockdown won't last forever, and life will return to normality) - yet as we live our daily lives, this future truth doesn't always seem to match with our lived reality, day-by-day.

What conflicting or contrasting thoughts do you think the disciples will have had?

RESPONSE TASK:

Fortunately, we know the truth; Jesus is risen!! Knowing this ultimate truth can give us confidence that all the bad things of this world will pass away and one day we will be with Him forever.

1. Sometimes it is hard to know how to celebrate Jesus' resurrection. It can be useful to find some songs that capture your feelings about this.

Search some songs to find ones that capture your feelings. There are some in the Youth Playlist or you could search "resurrection song contemporary" or "modern easter songs", for example.

If you find a good one, send a link to Rob and he will add it to the playlist.